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The Auditing Committee submitted the following report:-

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., March 24, 1908.

To the Board of Directors of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific,

SAN FRANCISCO. CALIFORNIA.

Gentlemen: The undersigned, constituting a majority of the committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of this Society for the year just closing, beg to report that they met in the rooms of Treasurer ZIEL on the afternoon of the 21st instant and went over all his accounts with great care. They take pleasure in reporting that they found everything in the best of condition and all funds of the Society properly accounted for. They also visited the vaults of the Mercantile Trust Company, at 464 California Street, and personally inspected the securities of the Society there on deposit, finding all papers in proper order and safely guarded.

As one result of their labors your committee is impressed with the fact that much labor and care is required of the Treasurer in conducting the financial affairs of this Society, and it is their impression that, as a business proposition, a salary should attach to that office, commensurate with the responsibility and importance of the trust.

Very respectfully,

D. S. RICHARDSON, Chairman,

J. Costa,

Auditing Committee.

President Cushing read an address in awarding the Bruce Medal for 1908 to Director E. C. Pickering, of Harvard College Observatory.

After his address the President introduced Director W. W. Campbell, of the Lick Observatory, who gave an interesting lecture (illustrated by lantern slides) on "The Crocker Eclipse Expedition from the Lick Observatory, University of California, to Flint Island."

Adjourned.

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors held March 28, 1908, at 10 p.m.

The new Board of Directors met and chose Dr. Campbell temporary chairman. A quorum was present.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

President: CHARLES BURCKHALTER.

First Vice-President: W. W. CAMPBELL.

Second Vice-President: G. E. HALE.

Third Vice-President: F. Morse.

Secretary: R. T. CRAWFORD.

Secretary (Mt. Hamilton): R. G. AITKEN.

Treasurer: J. D. GALLOWAY.

Library Committee: Messrs. Crawford, Townley, Einarson.

Comet-Medal Committee: Messrs. Campbell (ex-officio); Perrine, Townley.

The President appointed the following:—

Finance Committee: C. S. Cushing (Chairman), W. H. Crocker, R. G. Aitken.

The President was authorized and instructed to appoint a committee of three to investigate and report to the Directors upon the matter of providing a room in San Francisco for the Society. Messrs. C. S. Cushing, J. D. Galloway, and F. R. Ziel were appointed.

The chairman of the Publication Committee was authorized to provide stationery for the use of his committee.

The Secretary was instructed to send a letter (to be signed by the President and the Secretary) expressing the appreciation of the Society of the faithful work and long service of the retiring Director and Treasurer, Mr. F. R. Ziel.

The Secretary was instructed to send a letter (to be signed by the President and Secretary) of thanks to Professor R. G. AITKEN, the retiring chairman of the Publication Committee, for his long and excellent service on this committee.

Adjourned.